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IN AND FOR THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

FREDERICK N. BURGNER,)	Case No.: C 07-05160 JF HRL
)	
Plaintiff,)	JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT
)	STATEMENT
vs.)	
)	DATE: June 13, 2008
UNION PACIFIC CORPORATION,)	TIME: 10:30 a.m.
)	
Defendant)	

Plaintiff FREDERICK N. BURGNER and Defendant UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD
COMPANY submit the following Joint Case Management Statement:

1. Jurisdiction and Service:

Jurisdiction is based on the existence of a federal question. 28 U.S.C. § 1331. There are
no issues regarding jurisdiction and venue. All parties have been served.

1 2. Facts:

2 Plaintiff, an Army reservist, was employed by Defendant as a trainman at the time he was
3 mobilized with the Army Reserves in July 2004. Plaintiff returned to work with Defendant in
4 April 2005. He alleges that while he was mobilized with the Army Reserves, employees who
5 were junior to him were promoted to engine service. When he returned from active duty, he
6 requested to be promoted to engine service. He claims that Defendant did not properly adjust his
7 seniority date, delayed his entry into engine service training and failed to provide him all rights
8 he is entitled to under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act
9 (“USERRA”), 38 U.S.C. §4301, et seq.
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11 Defendant contends that it has complied with all requirements of USERRA, has promoted
12 Plaintiff to engine service, and has backdated Plaintiff’s seniority. It contends that any delay in
13 backdating Plaintiff’s seniority was due to the conduct of non-affiliated persons or entities,
14 namely, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.
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16 Plaintiff also alleges that he was retaliated against for exercising his rights under
17 USERRA. His employment was terminated for rule violations in or about November 2007.
18 Defendant contends that he was terminated for legitimate, non-retaliatory reasons.

19 3. Legal Issues:

20 USERRA prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of military service. 38
21 U.S.C. §4301, et seq. Section 4311(b) prohibits acts of reprisals against employees who take
22 action to enforce their rights under the statute.

23 Plaintiff contends that Defendant violated USERRA, by failing properly to adjust his
24 seniority, denying him a promotion, back pay and other benefits. He also claims that Defendant
25 retaliated against him for exercising his rights under the statute.
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1 Defendant contends that it has complied with USERRA by promoting Plaintiff and back
2 dating his seniority and that Plaintiff will be unable to show any willful violation of the statute.
3 Defendant also contends that Plaintiff cannot demonstrate that his military service was a
4 substantial or motivating factor in the adverse employment action. Defendant had a valid, non-
5 retaliatory reason to terminate Plaintiff's employment.

6 4. Motions:

7 Defendant anticipates filing a motion for summary judgment.

8 5. Amendment of Pleadings: None contemplated at this time. However, Plaintiff
9 wishes to reserve the right to amend his pending complaint subsequent to discovery regarding
10 Defendant's claim that the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers was responsible in whole or in
11 part for Plaintiff's claimed damages.

12 6. Evidence Preservation: Defendant maintains a document preservation
13 program.

14 7. Disclosures: Initial disclosures pursuant to FRCP 26 have been served.

15 8. Discovery:

- 16 a. Plaintiff and one witness on behalf of defendant were deposed on May 14,
17 2008.
- 18 b. The parties anticipate conducting discovery on Plaintiff's allegations that
19 Defendant violated USERRA by failing to properly correct his seniority date,
20 promote him and by denying him back pay and benefits. Discovery will also
21 be conducted regarding Plaintiff's allegations that Defendant retaliated against
22 Plaintiff for exercising his USERRA rights. The parties anticipate conducting
23 discovery related to Defendant's defense that Defendant had a legitimate, non-
24 retaliatory reason to terminate Plaintiff's employment and Plaintiff's damages
25 and whether he mitigated his damages.
- 26 c. Plaintiff anticipates conducting the following discovery:

- i. Interrogatories;
- ii. Requests for production of documents;
- iii. Additional depositions of defendant.

d. Defendant anticipates conducting the following discovery:

- i. Further deposition of Plaintiff and depositions of members of Plaintiff's union, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.
 - ii. Interrogatories;
 - iii. Request for production of documents and requests for admissions;
- e. No changes to the limitations on discovery imposed by the civil rules are necessary.

9. Class Actions: Not applicable.

10. Related Cases: There are no related cases known to the parties.

11. Relief: Plaintiff seeks reinstatement, lost wages and benefits, liquidated damages, attorney fees, expert witness fees and costs.

12. Settlement and ADR: The parties conducted mediation on May 15, 2008. The mediation did not result in the settlement of the case.

13. Consent to Magistrate Judge for All Purposes: Plaintiff consents to the use of a Magistrate Judge; Defendant does not consent to the use of a Magistrate Judge for all purposes.

14. Other References: Not at this time.

15. Narrowing of Issues: Defendant anticipates filing a motion for summary judgment, or partial summary judgment, which may narrow the issues.

16. Expedited Schedule: This case should not be handled on an expedited schedule.

17. Scheduling: The parties propose the following dates: Designation of Experts, November 10, 2008; discovery cutoff, January 12, 2009; last day to hear dispositive motions, March 13, 2009; pretrial conference, March 27, 2009; and trial, May 11, 2009.

18. Trial: It is anticipated that the trial will last approximately five (5) days.

1 19. Disclosure of Non-party Interested Entities or Persons: Defendant has filed the
2 Certification of Interested Entities or Persons, identifying Union Pacific Corporation as an
3 interested entity.

4 DATED: June 12, 2008

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8 DATED: June 12, 2008

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